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There was an attempt to strike the entire section on Monday which did not succeed and what I am proposing that we do is simply tie this down so that what we are talking about is establishing program and fiscal standards that will be established and set up by the Director of Public Institutions and the regional centers but not give the Regional Center Director or the Director of Public Institutions the authority to withhold funds or to set up standards that would make it impossible for the Community Health Centers to meet and thereby not be able to get their funds. So the amendment that I have proposed starts on line 4 where we will strike, providing the matter, and then going to line 5, the manner in which general funds will be expended and then going down to line 12, and the circumstances under which general funds will be withheld by the Director of Public Institutions. I think that this brings us back to giving the Regional Center Director and the Director of Public Institutions the authority to establish program and fiscal standards. I have absolutely no quarrel with that. I think that addresses itself to the accountability issue that the budget committee was interested in achieving in this particular language. It does not go on then to set up a situation where we have a so-called middle level bureaucrat telling Elected Boards of County Officials how this money is going to be spent. I think that these elected County Officials and the Regional Governing Boards are fully capable of making those decisions. I don't think we should take that authority away from them and give it to a State Agency. I think that is directly in contradiction with the philosophy that we tried to establish in LB 302. So I move the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, Senator Anderson is trying to correct the problem that I called your attention to yesterday in terms of control of the regional mental health centers. I think Senator Anderson has done this in a better way than I did yesterday. It's difficult to say that with any degree of humility but I concede to a better amendment and what this does is to make sure that we do not centralize the control of this particular mental health service of the regions that we have already established in the 302 and I rise to support his amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Shirley Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President and members of the legislature. The intent when this was written in the Appropriations Committee was to give us a manner in which we could follow the state dollars as they are expended for human services. Local areas of mental health are not state bodies. If they would be working under a contract for a state agency it is my feeling that we would have more control over how our state dollars are expended. This was the intent, this is why I would oppose this amendment which has been introduced by Senator Anderson.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman and members of the legislature. I also rise to support Senator Anderson. I think this would clear up some of the problems that we had in our area during